Foreign universities with dubious credentials

759. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the foreign universities with dubious credentials are blossomming by using inherent flaws in the system of higher education in the country;

(b) if so, the steps Government propose to restrain such universities from operating in India; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that globalisation has made education a slave to the market forces and not retaining even the basic morality and values associated with education?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) Advertisements from certain foreign institutions for admission to technical and professional courses have come to the notice of the Government. In order to ensure that quality of education is not adversely affected, the revised 'Regulations for entry and operation of foreign universities/institutions imparting technical education in India have been notified on May 27, 2005 by the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE).

The Government intends to put a regulatory framework on foreign education providers at the earliest possible.

Fee hike in Central Universities

760. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Centre proposes to hike the fee in the process of restructuring the Central Universities;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the total number of Central Universities in the country and what is the action plan of Government to set up a university in the backward